

## Order of Worship

Song: #867 To Canaan's Land I'm  
On My Way

Announcements

Call to Worship

Song: Days of Elijah

Song: How Deep the Father's Love

The Lord's Supper

Song: #18 Faithful Love

Offering

Offering Song: #83 God Is So Good

Song: #622 Ring Out the Message

Scripture Reading  
Matthew 15:3-9

Sermon

"Tradition v Doctrine"

Song: #538 My Hope Is Built on  
Nothing Less

Response to Prayer Requests

Song: #567 Restore My Soul

Closing Prayer

Please join us for a lite brunch in the  
fellowship hall immediately after our  
worship service this morning.

## Join Us Again on Sunday & Wednesday Evenings

Grow in the love of God and His truth with us on Sunday and Wednesday evenings.

**Sunday Evening Sermon:** "A Study of Proverbs" with Archie R. Green

**Wednesday Evening Bible Study:** "Paul's Missionary Journeys and Churches He Established" with Jerry Fields

You may access Sunday Bible Class, Sunday Evening Worship Service, and Wednesday Evening Bible Study on Zoom through our website.

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Robert Beasley  
Jim Bishop  
Jerry Fields  
Bob Martin  
Anthony Ricks

### Minister

Archie R. Green

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## For The Record

Sunday Morning Worship	116	Sunday Morning Bible Study	79
Sunday Evening Worship	N/A	Wed. Morning Bible Study	14
Wed. Evening Bible Study	35	Contribution Average 2024	N/A

## Schedule Of Services

Sunday Morning Worship—9:30 a.m.	Sunday Bible Class—11:00 a.m.
Sun. Evening Worship—6:30 p.m.	Wed. Morning Bible Study—10 a.m.
Wednesday Dinner—6:00 p.m.	Wed. Evening Bible Study—7:00 p.m.

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# Williamsburg Weekly

*Living & Loving Like Jesus*

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**'These people draw near to Me with their mouth,  
And honor Me with *their* lips,  
But their heart is far from Me.  
And in vain they worship Me,  
Teaching as doctrines the  
commandments of men.'**

**Matthew 15:8-9**



## We Welcome You!

We are honored that you chose to visit with us today. We hope that you will stay around a few minutes after our service to become better acquainted. We are eager to know you! We hope you will come to see us as we see ourselves, a group of people who desire to live and love like Jesus.

If you seek meaning and purpose in your life, we invite you to come and join us as we study God's word, the Bible, and find the true joy and fulfillment that can only be found in Him. Our doors and hearts are open. So, if you've been thinking, praying, searching, and hoping for a place to belong, we say again—welcome!

## “Rooted in Tradition or Rooted in Scripture”

Why do churches of Christ sing a cappella in their worship? Is it because they have always done it that way and, rooted in their tradition, they are unwilling to change? Or, is it because they are rooted in the teachings of Scripture?

Why do churches of Christ require immersion in water of a penitent believer in order to accept someone is saved? Is it because that’s just the way they’ve been taught for years and, rooted in their tradition, they are unwilling to see it any other way? Or, is it because they are rooted in the teachings of Scripture?

Why do churches of Christ only allow men in leadership roles (in their worship services and in their organization of elders, deacons and preachers) and not allow women to fill these positions? Is it because they are stuck in the past and, rooted in their tradition, they are unwilling to accept the advancement of women in our culture? Or, is it because they are rooted in the teachings of Scripture?

Why do churches of Christ teach anything? Why do churches of Christ believe anything? Why do churches of Christ practice anything? Why do churches of Christ even exist? Is it just tradition? Or, is it rooted deeper than that?

If any religious group is teaching something because “that’s what we’ve always taught,” they ought to seriously and honestly examine it. If any religious group is practicing something because “that’s the way we’ve always done it,” they ought to seriously and honestly examine it. If teachings and practices are rooted merely in tradition, then those teachings and practices are rooted in men rather than God. Considering that “the way of man is not in himself” and “it is not in man who walks to direct his own steps” (Jer. 10:23), we all need a higher authority, a deeper purpose and a stronger foundation than man-based religion.

Why do churches of Christ sing a cappella in their worship? *Because that’s what Scripture authorizes (Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16; etc.).* Why do churches of Christ require immersion in water of a penitent believer in order to accept someone is saved? *Because that’s what Scripture authorizes (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; 22:16, etc.).* Why do churches of Christ only allow men in leadership roles and not allow women to fill these positions? *Because that’s what Scripture authorizes (1 Tim. 2:8-14; 3:1-13, etc.).* This is not about tradition! It’s about Scripture!

God warns Christians of being deceived by persuasive words and commands them to be “rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith” (Col. 2:7). Let that be our aim!

- David Sproule

## Church Family New

**Deepest Sympathy**—We extend our deepest love and sympathy to Ternon Lee in the passing of her brother, Proctor. Please keep Ternon, Ezekial, and Ternon’s family in your prayers.

**Egg Hunt**—On March 31st, following Bible classes, there will be an egg hunt for all children through 5th grade. Please place your donations of prefilled plastic eggs in the decorated box in the fellowship room. See Sabrina Logan for more details.

**Teachers Needed**—The next teaching quarter (April - June) starts Wednesday, April 3rd. If any member is interested in teaching, please contact Bro. Rickey Rodgers.

**Craft Day**—Please bring your lunch and a crafting project at noon on Monday, March 11th, and meet in the fellowship room for crafting, fun, and fellowship. See Pat Little for more information.

**Men’s Bible Study**—There will be a Men’s Bible Study at 6 pm, on Friday, March 15th, at the home of Jim Bishop.

**Saturday Ladies’ Class**—The Ladies Bible Study will meet in the fellowship room on Saturday, March 16th, at 10 am. Contact Sabrina Logan for more information.

**Young at Heart Potluck**—All Young at Heart! Bring your favorite dish to share and enjoy a potluck on Sunday, March 17th, following Bible classes. See Miley Walker to learn more.

**Ladies Devotional**—There will be a Ladies’ Devotional at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, March 19th. Please see Tess Martin for more details.

### Happy Birthday

Michelle Hicks 3/1, Brianne Waller 3/2, George Johnson 3/3, Becky Lech 3/4, Johnny Galloway 3/9, Connie Williamson 3/11, Hagar Harmon 3/12, Adassa Duncan 3/14, Joe Garcia 3/15, Karen Kinder 3/15, Lynn Cummings 3/15, Pat Little 3/17, James Hartley 3/23, Stacia Landrom 3/25, Gene Balthaser 3/27, Mikey Rollins 3/27, Kisa White 3/29, Krystal Gary 3/30

### Wedding Anniversaries

T.J. & Brittany Waller 3/3, Ronald and Cheryl Brown 3/8, Joe & Angela Garcia 3/12

## Prayer Request

### Immediate Concerns:

**Steve Davis** - scheduled for total knee replacement, March 18th

**Jerry Munn** - dementia

**Connie Williamson** - recovering from shoulder replacement surgery

**Catalina Laverde** - finances

**Levi Abbott** - health

**Amy Girimont** - ICU - pneumonia

**Anthony Ricks** - undergoing treatment

**Ken Moran** - health

**K.P. Pressey** - colon cancer

### Long Term Concerns:

**The Boisseau Family** - health

**M.C. & Juanita Bailey** - health

**Lena Stone** - health

**Margaret Rose** - health

**Taylor Myers** - health issues

**Regina Clark** - MS

**India Johnson** - health

**Cheryl Brown** - health

**Abbott Family**

### Shut-ins

**Regina Clark**

**Adassa Duncan**

### Family & Friends:

**Lena Stone & Connie Williamson’s** brother, **Wally** - ocular cancer

**Joe Garcia’s** former co-worker, **Emily** - stroke & co-worker, **Edward** - knee surgery

**Joyce & Eddie Logan** - health

**The Landrom’s** friend, **Sharon**

**Mackert** - breast cancer

**Cara Patrick’s** brother, **Celsus Patrick**

**Kay Himes’** friend, **Sigrid Polson-Randolph** – health

**Peggy Boarman’s** son-in-law, **Jim**

**Bristow** - current situation